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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tokuichi *et al.* (Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-07667) ["Tokuichi"]. For at least the following reasons, Applicants traverse the rejection.